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For: *ENGINEERING OF STRONG, PLIABLE TISSUES*

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on May 1, 2000, please consider the following remarks. Submitted with this Response is a Petition for Extension of Time to extend the period for response three months, to and including November 1, 2000, along with a check in the amount of $445.00 to cover the fee, for a small entity.

It is believed that no additional fee is required with this submission. However, should a an additional fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 01-2507.

Remarks

Claims 6-12 are pending. A copy of all of the pending claims as they are believed to have been amended is attached to this Amendment as an appendix.